

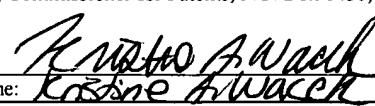
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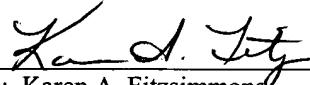
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. Applicants note U.S. Patent No. 5,263,480 and Publication No. 2002/0055779 A1 also listed in the search report were previously cited to or by the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed July 7, 2004.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information

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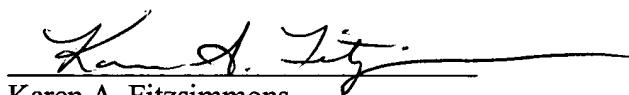
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Various embodiments of the invention are disclosed in the following detailed description and the accompanying drawings.

5 Figure 1A illustrates a system for remotely activating a covert service channel in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 1B is another illustration of a system for remotely activating a covert service channel in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 2A illustrates a channel activation system in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

10 Figure 2B is a further illustration of a channel activation system in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 2C illustrates a channel activation system with an established connection, in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

15 Figure 3A illustrates a channel activation system receiving triggers in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 3B illustrates a channel activation system sending a response in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the present invention;